Has Christ Become the Most Important Person in Your Life?

Can you honestly say that you have experienced first love — where Lord Jesus and His Word are everything to you, as the Bridegroom of your soul?

 Answer: Yes — Explanation: If you have experienced first love — that is, He is your first love, if the Lord Jesus and His Word are everything to you — then this is a sign of genuine new birth.

This love:

• It manifests itself in a sincere desire to live in obedience to Christ and His Word, not out of obligation, but out of a deep love born of fascination with the beauty of His perfect character.

• It shapes your thinking, choices, and values, making Christ and His Word the center of your life, like a spiritual engagement in which your heart is wholly devoted to Him.

• It is characterized by a deep and personal desire to have the character of Christ and His Word.

• It fills your heart with a desire to please Him in all things. This love is not just a passing emotion, but a living and deep connection with the Lord that motivates your entire life.

 Answer: No (wrong) — Explanation: If your answer is "No" and you have not experienced first love, in which Christ is everything to you, then there can be no talk of a covenant of betrothal and an authentic new birth.

First love is the sign that your heart has been deeply attracted to the beauty and perfect character of Christ. If you do not have this love:

• You have not come to know and be overwhelmed by the splendor of His character.

• His Word is not a treasure for your soul.

• This means that your relationship with Christ as your betrothed is not a living and personal one.

Being born again is not the result of fear or selfish desire, but springs from a sincere, deep, and pure love for Christ—a love that binds the heart to Him forever. It is the beginning of a living and personal relationship, like a spiritual betrothal, in which the

soul responds to the divine call.

Only this authentic love, born of the freedom of the heart, moves God to enter into a covenant with man—a holy, eternal covenant based on mutual love.

This image is beautifully illustrated in the words of the prophet Ezekiel: "When I passed by you again and saw you, behold, you were at the age for love, and I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your nakedness; I made my vow to you and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Lord God, and you became mine." (Ezekiel 16:8)

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